

Misericordia seeks loan to build housing units

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Due to an increased demand on dormitory facilities, College Misericordia last month applied for an \$1.6 million college housing loan for the possible expansion and renovation of campus housing units.

A report issued by the Luzerne County Planning

Commission indicated the college has applied for a federal loan from the United States Department of Education totaling \$1,613,810 to construct 60 townhouse type units and to renovate 60 dormitory units in McAuley Hall at a total cost of \$1,688,810.

The project is still in the preliminary stages and nothing has been finalized, including the building of the townhouses.

"It is an option we are looking at," said Judy Daley,

public relations director for College Misericordia. "It has been traditional for students at Misericordia to live in on-campus housing, but for the first time this year we could not make that promise to students who have made requests because of the increased number of resident applications.

"Townhouses are something new on college campuses and they have worked well," Daley continued. "It would also give us (Misericordia) the option of

opening up a section of those units for some faculty members."

The townhouses, which would be located on Lake Street if the project goes through, would also be equipped with a kitchen, offering students an alternative to the meal plan.

College officials have not yet heard any news regarding its application.

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Cement loosens

Dallas Township police inspect Route 309 near the Treat Drive-in after loose cement from the Overbrook Road bridge came tumbling down on the highway. No motorists were injured but police did receive several calls about the problem. Ed Shamus, PennDOT maintenance coordinator said a crew was dispatched to the site Tuesday to remove as much loose cement as possible from the bridge.

Art Studio renovation adds to 'new look' of Main Street

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Sue Hand's Art Studio, Imagery, is adding to the "New Look" on Main Street, Dallas. Sue and Joe Hand are in the process of renovating and adding to their Art Studio and Frame Shop that Sue opened 10 years ago.

Starting from the rear of the building on the corner of Main Street and Huntsville Road and working forward, construction of the new addition is underway under the direction of contractor Don Flick. The new addition will be used for the storage of art supplies and framing materials and moulding.

Art students and framing customers will still be using the well-established part of the structure, built and used by Joe's dad, the late Joseph Hand, as a men's clothing store.

Once the addition is completed, all of the art supplies and framing supplies will be moved into that section and, hopefully, there will also be office space for use by Joe and Sue.

When this is accomplished, the front section will be re-decorated and renovated and become much more spacious than it is now. Sue and Joe are hoping to have the entire project completed by October of 1987 since most of the work is being done by family and friends. They are doing their own designing of the front area where Sue holds classes and have not finalized the plans to date. They have decided that the outside of the building will be re-stuccoed and across the front, Sue is going to do a large "Trompe L'Oeil" (fool the eye) mural - a scenic mural of foliage, bushes and trees since there is no room for landscaping.

Working with Don Flick on the project is a fantastic crew comprised of Flick himself, a biology instructor at Wyoming Seminary during the school year; Don's daughter, Wendy Flick, an art student of Sue's for many years and a biology graduate of Penn State University. Wendy does free-lance medical illustration and wildlife illustration. Don's son, "Bud" is a cinematographer and does video work for WVIA-TV and free lance videography. He is also a graduate of Penn State. Chuck Puckey, son of Lowry Puckey, also one of Sue's students, is a photographer but is also assisting on the project as is Curt Williams, 1984 graduate of Dallas Senior High.

Don, Wendy and Don, Jr., have been doing carpentry during the summers for many years and built their own home in Kunkle. Wendy started roofing as a young teenager and helps with all phases of carpentry work.

The Art Studio is another of the long line of businesses renovating their locations on Main Street, Dallas. The "New Look" is a credit to the center of the borough, particularly along the right hand side of the street going toward Huntsville Road.

The Main Street began to take on its "New Look" several years ago when Dominic "Bob" Fino renovated and remodeled both the inside and exterior of

his pharmacy at 3 Main Street and bordered the front with green foliage and bright-colored flowers, arousing the admiration of local residents and passers-by.

In 1979, Enola Gay Wittaker purchased the home on the corner of Main Street and Huntsville Road, which at one time was the home and office of Dr. Robert Bodycomb, a dentist. Shortly after buying the house, she added new aluminum siding, greatly enhancing its appearance. Later, in 1983, Whittaker had it professionally landscaped, completing the beautification of the entire property where she operates her Whittaker Day Care Center.

The Dallas Borough Municipal Building situated between the United Penn Bank and the building now occupied by Dr. Alan Boonin has always been kept in good condition by borough officials adding to the "New Look" on that side of the street.

Recently, United Penn Bank did a lot of renovating and construction on its property adjacent to Fino's Pharmacy, adding to the facelift of Dallas Borough Center. The bank officials tore down the old drive-in windows, constructed new ones toward the rear of the property and remodeled the side and rear exterior of the bank building. The blacktopping of the entire parking lot made a more complete "New Look" in the borough.

It was not long after the bank completed its renovation that Dr. Alan Boonin purchased the building formerly operated by now retired District Magistrate Leonard Harvey. Dr. Boonin did a complete reconstruction of the building and the property, remodeling both the interior and exterior.

On the opposite side of Main Street, beginning at the traffic light intersection, Besecker's Realtor Office is a one-story, compact white building which blends in nicely with the new look on Main Street.

Hugh King's Recyclery Shop is also a neat-looking building and both of these businesses whose back entrances facing the Memorial Highway are a compliment to the borough. So, too, is the back entrance of Saylor Furniture housed in the brick building which at one time was a grocery store and meat market owned and operated by the late C.A. Frantz.

At the other end of that side of Main Street, James Eason, owner of Dallas Centre Hardware has renovated the front and the back of the store.

The front of the building is completely modernized, adding to the new appearance of Dallas Center and the back with a new entrance and large windows gives a good impression to motorists approaching the intersection in Dallas Borough.

There remain only a few places that need a facelift on Main Street, Dallas, primarily the rear of those properties which can be seen from Memorial Highway. Most strangers coming into a town judge the area by what they see when they first approach the area.

With some time and effort, the rear of these buildings can be as attractive as any places anywhere. When this is done, residents of the borough can be certain strangers coming into Dallas Borough will have a good impression of the community.

Crime decreases! Number of crimes lower across entire state of Pennsylvania

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Keeping in line with the statewide trend, the number of serious crimes reported in the Back Mountain has decreased during the past year.

Statistics released by the Pennsylvania State Police department in Harrisburg shows that serious crimes reported in 1985 decreased by one per cent from last year from 363,024 to 359,254. It was the fifth consecutive year the numbers have decreased, accounting for an 18.9 per cent drop since 1980.

Crimes such as robberies, burglaries, larceny/theft and motor vehicle thefts have all gone down, but others have gone up, including murders, three per cent; forcible rapes, 3.7 per cent; aggravated assaults, 6.2 per cent and arson, 2.1 per cent.

Despite what has seemed like an unusually busy year for Back Mountain police departments, serious crime offenses have declined here, too.

"Vandalism is up, but burglaries, thefts and violent crimes are down 55 per cent at this point as compared to this time last year," said Kingston Township police chief Paul Sabol. "But, we are much busier

this year. It seems like we are out investigating more calls."

Sabol says public awareness and good patrolling by the police department are two possible explanations for the crime decrease.

"The Neighborhood Crime Watch helps," said Sabol, who has been police chief for nearly 15 years. "We haven't developed it to the point we would like, but they do help. People are more aware of their neighbors and what they are doing."

"We just got a call the other day about someone in the neighborhood people were inquiring about," Sabol added. "We brought him in and straightened the problem out. We don't fool around with things like that."

At Dallas Boro, Police Chief Ed Lyons says serious crimes have also declined. "The major crimes are down, but you will always have the summary and mischievous types of offenses. But robberies and burglaries have dropped."

"I think you have to give credit for that to the increased patrolling, policemen properly handling their cases and the increased number of burglar alarms people have installed in their homes," Lyons

added. "Also, there are not a lot of repeat offenders around. It seems a lot of these people have left the area."

The boro did experience a potentially fatal situation when officer James Tupper and Dallas Township policeman Wayman Miers were shot during a scuffle at the township's municipal building in early June.

"Something like that is a seldom occurring thing," Lyons said. "It's a rare occurrence back here. That's not to say it won't happen again, but if you look at the number of officers who have been shot over the years, you'll probably find it is very low."

"But now people are aware that something like this does occur because it happened where they live," Lyons continued. "There were two policemen up here that were shot and the poor officer in Avoca that was killed. Maybe policemen are shot at every day. But until it happens where you live, you really don't notice it."

The State Police report indicated that in 1985 there were 2,919 assaults on police officers in Pennsylvania, including three who were feloniously killed while performing their official duties. Since 1976, 27 Pennsylvania policemen have been murdered in the line of duty.



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Two-car crash

This was the vehicle driven by a Falls woman who was involved in a two-car crash Tuesday night, July 29, in Kingston Township. Mary Lou Dymond, 42, of Box 225, RD 1, was still listed in critical condition at the Nesbitt Memorial hospital in Kingston after her volkswagon bus was slammed into by another vehicle in which one person was killed. Dymond was trapped inside the van and had to be extricated from the wreckage with the help of the Jaws of Life device.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre to note 70th anniversary

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will observe its 70th anniversary during the 1986-87 academic year and to celebrate, the campus is holding a year-long series of special events.

Kicking-off the festivities will be a birthday party with a giant cake and balloons Thursday, Sept. 18 that will begin at 1 p.m. on Public Square Wilkes-Barre and continue out on the campus in Lehman in the afternoon, ending with a giant fireworks finale.

A committee of community leaders and campus personnel, headed by the Hon. Charles Lemmond, has been working for months planning the year's events. Helen Patella, Director of Volunteers at the John Heinz Institute, is co-chairperson

along with Senator Lemmond. Both are Penn State Wilkes-Barre Advisory Board members.

Co-chairmen for the Sept. 18 activities are Sylvia Hudacek and Madeline Motzki. Other committee members include the Hon. Peter Paul Olszewski, Sally Sagenkahn, Diane Ryan, JoAnn Post, Gerry Kolesar, Joan Diana, Jody Millard, the Rev. Lynn Rothrock, Carol Husa and Marianne Puhalla.

Ellen Campbell will serve as campus liaison. Additional 70th Anniversary special events include a performance of the Theater of West Virginia, Sept. 30; a concert by Regency, a five-man acapella musical group that will perform jazz, swing, motown

and classical selections Oct. 16; and a performance of The Magic of Broadway, a stunning recreation of Broadway's highlights from Showboat to West Side Story, that will be presented April 3, 1987. All events will be held at 8 p.m. and all are free to the public.

A black tie Harvest Ball will be held Saturday, Oct. 25, in the Hayfield House mansion with music by the Penn State Phi Mu Alpha Dance Band, from University Park. Other anniversary events will be announced later, according to Mrs. Patella.

As the oldest higher education presence in the Wyoming Valley, Penn State Wilkes-Barre has an

interesting history to celebrate. The first Penn State class was held in the building now housing Coughlin High School in 1916, in response to a request from the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre. Classes expanded and were eventually moved to the Guthrie Building which is now the headquarters for Inter-Metro Industries on North Washington Street.

In December 1964, the Hayfield House, the summer residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Conyngham, was given to the University to be developed into a permanent campus. The present Chairman of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Advisory Board is John N. Conyngham III, nephew of

the benefactor.

Today, the 50-acre campus comprises six buildings, two private apartment buildings, and more than 900 students are enrolled. Other buildings are in the planning stages.

Penn State friends and family are invited to join the celebration. "We are especially interested in hearing from persons who attended or taught Penn State classes in the early days at Coughlin or Guthrie," said Mrs. Hudacek, "or those who have memorabilia of the early days of the campus."

Those wishing to help are asked to contact the Penn State Wilkes-Barre University Relations Office at 675-9228.

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